



4TH OF JULY

CELEBRATION

July 2-4

Enjoy the parade, car show, rides, carnival games, live music, bingo, pull tabs and fireworks. Family fun for everyone! Don't miss this annual Coon Rapids tradition at Boulevard Plaza, on the grounds of the Coon Rapids Ice Center located at 11000 Crooked Lake Blvd.



This event is sponsored by the North Star Lions Club, the Coon Rapids Fire Social Group and the Coon Rapids Community Strength Foundation.

Parade Monday, July 2 at 6 p.m.

- » Parade route begins at 111th Avenue and Mississippi Boulevard, travels down Mississippi Boulevard to Direct River Drive, along Direct River Drive until turning on Flora Street where the parade will then end back near the Coon Rapids Ice Center grounds on 109th Lane.
- » Parking will not be allowed in the parade route area or other streets near the parade route from 2 p.m. until the end of the parade time (approximately 8:30 p.m.). Watch for posted signs. Road closures along the parade route will take place at approximately 5:15 p.m. Watch for traffic control and signs.



Parade, Carnival and Firework Parking

Public parking is available in the parking lots at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Other nearby businesses may offer their parking lots for additional parking as well (either free or for a fee). No parking areas will be well-marked with signage.

For more information about the community celebration, visit:
www.coonrapidscommunitystrengthfoundation.com or www.coonrapidsmn.gov.

Firecracker 5k, 10k and Kids Sparkler Dash Wednesday, July 4

» To register: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/37436>

Map routes and more info: www.runcr.org

 www.facebook.com/CRFirecracker5K

» Open to all fitness levels.

» Start at the Coon Rapids Ice Center, 11000 Crooked Lake Boulevard. Parking for race will be at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, 11200 Mississippi Boulevard (a short walk from Coon Rapids Ice Center). Routes will be a combination of residential roads and park trails.

» Race proceeds benefit the Coon Rapids Community Strength Foundation which supports community events

» In case of severe weather, the race will be called as early as possible on race day. No refunds will be issued due to cancellation from severe weather. If weather is not severe,

Starts	Time Limit	Cost
10K		
8 a.m.	1 hr 30 min	Early Bird: \$35 \$40 starting June 18
Firecracker 5K		
8:15 a.m.	1 hr 15 min	Early Bird: \$25 \$30 starting June 18
Kids Sparkler Dash 500 (ages 3-8)		
9:45 a.m.	no time limit	Free

4th of July Event Schedule

Monday, July 2

Noon	Bingo and pull tabs open
Noon-5 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
6 p.m.	Parade
6-11 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
6-10 p.m.	Live music "Stone Daisy Band" (country)
11 p.m.	Event closes

Tuesday, July 3

Noon	Bingo and pull tabs open
Noon-5 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
5-11 p.m.	5th annual "Car Show to Remember" Hot Rods & Classics (Gate Fee \$5, all proceeds benefit ACBC Food Shelf)
6-11 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
6-10 p.m.	Live music "The Castaways" (variety)
11 p.m.	Event closes

Wednesday, July 4

7 a.m.	Packet pick-up and day-of registration for 5K, 10K and Kids Sparkler Dash
8-11 a.m.	Lions concession stand serving breakfast*
8 a.m.	10K Run Start
8:15 a.m.	5K Run/Walk Start
9:30 a.m.	5K & 10K Awards Ceremony
9:45 a.m.	Kids Sparkler Dash
Noon	Bean Bag Tournament - Register on site
Noon	Bingo and pull tabs open
Noon-5 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
5 p.m.-Midnight	Carnival Midway - regular admission
6-10 p.m.	Live music "Night Shift Band" (classic rock)
10 p.m.	Fireworks (Display voted one of the best in the Twin Cities!)
Midnight	Event closes

*Lions concession stand will also serve pulled pork sandwiches, ice cream, bottled soda and water all three days.

**Midway Armband Special: allows person to ride unlimited rides for the session. All rides have height requirements for safety. All riders must have tickets/wristband to ride rides even to accompany children on rides with exceptions of Carousel and Fun Slide.



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★ Fireworks Information Wednesday, July 4

The fireworks launch site itself is located across the street from Anoka-Ramsey Community College. This area will be closed off from the public on July 4. Pedestrian traffic will not be allowed on 111th Ave. NW from 30 minutes before fireworks until the fireworks are over and the area is deemed to be safe. Spectators are welcome to view the fireworks from the grounds of the Coon Rapids Ice Center. Traffic control after the fireworks will be directed as smoothly as possible, however visitors are advised to allow extra time in their schedules to exit parking areas and navigate traffic. Coon Rapids fireworks are very popular and thousands of people are leaving the fireworks parking areas often at the same time. Your patience is greatly appreciated as everyone works to leave the event and parking areas safely.

Tips to avoid getting stuck in traffic:

-  Park far away from where you will actually watch the fireworks. Then walk or ride your bike to your viewing location after you park your car.
-  The Family Center Mall area, located on Crooked Lake Blvd., tends to get very crowded and it may take a while to get out of the parking areas. Please plan accordingly.
-  Park in the direction you actually want to travel. This is much easier than trying to make turns, or change directions in the midst of heavy traffic.

Traffic direction out of parking locations will be as follows:

- » Anyone leaving the Anoka-Ramsey Community College parking lots will be directed to turn either right or left on Mississippi Boulevard. If directed to turn left, you will head to Coon Rapids Boulevard. If directed to turn right, you will follow Mississippi Boulevard to the southeast, until you get to Hanson Boulevard. Vehicles should then go north on Hanson Boulevard to Coon Rapids Boulevard or other points north.
- » If you park on residential streets south of the Coon Rapids Ice Center and fireworks location, work your way to Mississippi Boulevard, then travel southeast to Hanson Boulevard, then north on Hanson Boulevard to Coon Rapids Boulevard or other points north.
- » If you park at the Family Center Mall parking lots: You will be directed north on Crooked Lake Boulevard only.
- » If you are in the handicap parking area located at the Coon Rapids Ice Center parking lot, you will be directed to turn left and head to Coon Rapids Boulevard, where you will be able to turn east only.

Also, for continuing safety efforts, the Coon Rapids Police Department would like to remind visitors that if they see suspicious activity at the event, say something. Be observant of any unusual behavior, items or situations. Don't be afraid to report any suspicious activity by calling 911 or by reporting items to the police operations trailer located on the grounds of the event.

All events weather permitting



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